COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
D/B/A AT&T KENTUCKY'S NOTICE OF INTENT)	CASE NO.
TO DISCONNECT VERTEX)	2008-00159
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR NON-PAYMENT)	

<u>ORDER</u>

On May 1, 2008, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky ("AT&T Kentucky") provided written notice to the Commission of its intent to disconnect Vertex Communications, Inc. ("Vertex") for non-payment of bills.

AT&T Kentucky requests authorization to invoke the Emergency Service Continuity Tariff approved by this Commission on May 20, 2003 in Case No. 2002-00310. Invoking this tariff is necessary only if Vertex has not notified its end-users of the service disconnection. If the Emergency Service Continuity Tariff is invoked, AT&T Kentucky will continue to provide telephone service to Vertex's customers for a minimum of 14 days after Vertex ceases to operate. AT&T Kentucky has notified the Commission that disconnection of Vertex will affect fewer than 200 Kentucky customers.

The Commission, having reviewed AT&T Kentucky's notice and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Vertex shall notify the Commission within 7 calendar days of the date of this Order of its intent to pay the delinquent bill to AT&T Kentucky within 10 days of the

¹ Case No. 2002-00310, Customer Billing and Notice Requirements for Wireline Telecommunications Carriers Providing Service in Kentucky.

date of this Order or, in the alternative, of its intent to notify its end-users of the proposed service disconnection. Such written comments shall include a copy of Vertex's customer notice and an affidavit indicating when the notice was mailed and the number of Kentucky customers to whom it was mailed.

- 2. A copy of AT&T Kentucky's notice of intent to disconnect Vertex is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- If Vertex has not responded as prescribed in Ordering Paragraph 1 within
 calendar days of the date of this Order, AT&T Kentucky shall implement the
 procedures established in its Emergency Service Continuity Tariff.
 - 4. A copy of this Order shall be sent by certified mail to Vertex.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of May, 2008.

By the Commission

Executive Director